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In re the Application of:

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For: **BEARING MEMBER MANUFACTURING METHOD**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Date: September 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated **August 30, 2006**, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Species (A), covered by claims 1-5.

If any generic claims are found to be patentable, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of additional species as well. Currently, claim 1 is generic, because claims 2-7 depend therefrom, either directly or indirectly. Thus, if claim 1 is found to be patentable, all other claims 2-7 will also be patentable. Therefore, the election requirement should be withdrawn.

In any event, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

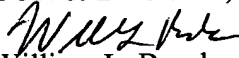
Applicants respectfully request early examination of the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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